

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 158

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide improved reimbursement for clinical social worker services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPROVED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLINICAL**
4 **SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES UNDER MEDI-**
5 **CARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1)(F)(ii) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(F)(ii)) is
8 amended to read as follows: “(ii) the amount determined
9 by a fee schedule established by the Secretary,”.

1 (b) DEFINITION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
 2 SERVICES EXPANDED.—Section 1861(hh)(2) of such Act
 3 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is amended by striking “services
 4 performed by a clinical social worker (as defined in para-
 5 graph (1))” and inserting “such services and such services
 6 and supplies furnished as an incident to such services per-
 7 formed by a clinical social worker (as defined in paragraph
 8 (1))”.

9 (c) CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES NOT TO
 10 BE INCLUDED IN INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.—Sec-
 11 tion 1861(b)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(4)) is
 12 amended by striking “and services” and inserting “clinical
 13 social worker services, and services”.

14 (d) TREATMENT OF SERVICES FURNISHED IN INPA-
 15 TIENT SETTING.—Section 1832(a)(2)(B)(iii) of such Act
 16 (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)(iii)) is amended by striking
 17 “and services” and inserting “clinical social worker serv-
 18 ices, and services”.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall become effective with respect to pay-
 21 ments made for clinical social worker services furnished
 22 on or after January 1, 1998.

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